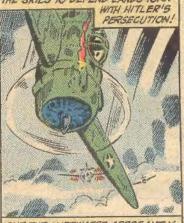


TUNE 1943, WITH WORLD WAR TWO WREAKING HAVOC OVER MUCH OF CIVILIZATION, MORO FROST, THE UNCANNY SCORPION -- THE MAN UPON WHOM FATE HAS BESTOWED THE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE TOOK TO THE SKIES TO DEFEND LANDS TORN



BUT THE LUFTWAFFE ARROGANTLY CONTROLLED THE AIRWAYS OVER OCCUPIED ITALY...

... AND THE MAN OF INDETER MINATE LONGEVITY, AFTER A SCORE OF SUCCESSFUL RUSHES, WAS NOT TO FAIR WELL THIS MOONLESS NIGHT!









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PROTECTION:













THAT SEEM READY TO SINK THE TIP OF MANHATTAN





















































































































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BYTH A GENTLE TOUCH

BETWEEN SERVANT AND MASTER IS COMPLETED!







































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THE NEXT EXCITING ISSUE OF THE SCORPION ON SALE JUNE I ST! DON'T MISSIT, TIGER!

The SEURINA LAIR

Dear Rovin and all:

Superbl Magnificenti I've just finished reading THE SCORPION, and I find myself writing my first letter to a comic company. THE SCORPION is exactly what I've been tooking for I can't wait for issue #2. It is easily the best thing to come out of "The New House of Ideas".

Your other comics have been pretty good, but THE SCORPION clinched it

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You painted a convincing portrait of a ruthless here. It was a real mystery thrillier! The art was good, too. Now i'm tooking forward to giving each and every ATLAS title a chance to prove itself to me.

in other words, with the kind of work you pros are producing, and with the shrinking size of my infiation-stricken allowance, there won't be many dinarce self for the competitors.

A few more superb issues, and what the competition is doing won't matter anywayl i'd like to proclaim that I'm an ATLAS Man from the very beginning. (As long as you keep up the high quality of your first issues.)

And may the God of Comix bless each ATLAS magazine with a life of

least 200 lesues!

BRIAN FLEWELLYN KANSAS CITY, MO

Now there's a man with the right ideat Welcome aboard ATLAS MANI (Not a bad name for a-new superherol)

Dear Sirs

Shades of G-811 Issue #1 of THE SCORPION left me spellbound! I liked it, ya dig?

The story wasn't really so fantastic, and the art wasn't so magnificent, either—it was how they worked togetter that made the comic good.

I've got one suggestion: Let us know something about Scorpion's longevity.

JOHN TOMANIO

Glad you enjoyed THE SCORPION, John,

in regard to his langevity, we will reveal some of the mystery behind a, but slowly. We don't want to spill all the beans in one issue. Remember: The Scorplon is a man of mystery.

Dear Scorpion:

Well ATLAS, you've produced your first catestrophel That's spelled F-A-1-L-U-R-Ell

I enjoyed your Black and White magazines, MACABRE, and

DEVILINA, and your color mags, THE BRUTE, PHOENIX, and PLANET OF VAMPIRES, were all super. But the man of many ages, THE SCORPION is a loser, it is too contrived. The writer did not take the trouble to tell us where, how, why, etc. His character's only motivation is money. But what about those past lives? In what way do they improve this story? Veiling a character with a mysterious origin, is no way to get around characterization!

The story line was good, as was the artwork, but just about any jerk with a bag over his head could've gone through the same sciivity as the Scor-

pion

So please . . . give us some meat on your character's bones.

I'm sorry if I'm being too critical. But I've been a fan for almost thirty years, and it kills me when a potentially unbelievable (in the good sense) character comes along and is wasted!

WARREN CZERNIAWSKI CHARLOTTE, NC

We apologize if the Scorplon was not up to snuff. We'll spend more time developing the man into a definite personality—something you can sink your teeth into. What with Jim Craig and Gabe Levy behind it, things can only go up.

We thank you for your valid criticism.

Hello ATLAS:

First the good news: Great Job! Ter-

rillic artwork! Fantastic stories! SCOR-PION was BEST!!!

Now the bad news: You're painting yourselves into a corner, fellas! Sorry about that, but it's true.

Your heroes are all over the place. They can never team up, or battle each other. They can never even cross paths as they swing over New York.

You probably don't think it's much, but you're wrong. Take Spider-Man for example. Whenever'l see him on any dumb character's megazine, I buy it, just to see my favorite superhero. It's an event and the fans love it. (It also sells the megazine like hotcakes, I'm surel)

So what're you clowns doing? PHOENIX in 1977, SCORPION in 1938, IRONJAW here, WULF there, and on and on. The merry ATLAS universe is just too darn big!

ANN CARRIER MONTREAL, QUEBEC, CANADA

It just so happens that THE SCOR-PION has been updated to the present. It wasn't done in order to narrow the ATLAS "universe"; rather, Levy and Craig thought a mood piece of the thirties would get monotonous after a few issues.

As far as our other characters are concerned, we do plan team-ups (where possible) in future issues.





